

SB 286 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE), when adopting rules to identify and partner with organizations for funding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education related to career and technical education (CTE), to invite a wide variety of organizations to enter partnerships, to give priority to organizations that do not charge fees, and to give priority to organizations that require student leadership. Makes technical changes to relevant sections of state law. Applies to grants issued 90 days after the bill's effective date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3072 was passed by the Legislative Assembly during the 2015 session. It required the SBE to partner with organizations to distribute money for activities relating to STEM education that also relate to CTE and established the Connecting Education to Careers Account in the State Treasury. Funds in the account are continuously appropriated to Oregon Department of Education.

Beginning July 1, 2017, 40 percent of the money in the account will be used for activities related to STEM education while 60 percent will be used for activities related to CTE that can lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs. The money will be used to expand and sustain regional networks supporting STEM education; award grants that expand the implementation of effective STEM programs; recruit, retain and support underserved students; survey facility use; and fund activities identified by the STEM investment council.